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SUBJECT: CODEL WOLFF - NARCOTICS SCHEDULE

REF: A) STATE 309270, B) SINGAPORE 5689, C) STATE 306478

1. SORRY ABOUT CONFUSION CREATED BY REF B, BUT IT WAS NOT CLEAR TO US FROM PREVIOUS MESSAGES THAT NARCOTICS BRIEFING SCHEDULES CONCERNED PRIMARILY SELECT COMMITTEE STAFF RATHER THAN COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

2. ONLY REASON FOR OUR SUGGESTION THAT REQUESTED NARCOTICS BRIEFINGS BY GOS OFFICIALS BE HELD ON MORNING JANUARY 14 RATHER THAN MORNING JANUARY 13 WAS TO AVOID CONFLICT WITH CODEL CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER, WHICH REF C INDICATED ALL CODEL MEMBERS WOULD WISH TO ATTEND.

3. NO PROBLEM IN SCHEDULING BRIEFING BY GOS OFFICIALS FOR SELECT COMMITTEE STAFFERS FOR 0945-1200 JANUARY 13 AS REQUESTED. WE HAD ORIGINALLY ENVISAGED MEETING AT FAIRLY HIGH (PERMSEC) LEVEL ON GOS SIDE, WHICH WOULD HAVE REQUIRED ATTENDANCE OF 3-4 SELECT COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ADDITION TO STAFFERS. WE SUGGEST THAT WE SUBSTITUTE FOR THIS MEETING A JANUARY 13 MORNING MEETING FOR STAFFERS ONLY. THIS WOULD PERMIT ALL CODEL MEMBERS TO ATTEND MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER. LEVEL OF GOS OFFICIALS WOULD BE SOME-
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WHAT LOWER BUT THEY WOULD BE EQUALLY KNOWLEDGEABLE ON SINGAPORE DRUG SCENCE AND GOS POLICIES -- PROBABLY EVEN MORE SO, SINCE SENIOR OFFICIALS WE WOULD HAVE LINED UP FOR JANUARY 14 ALSO HAVE HEAVY RESPONSIBILITIES IN OTHER FIELDS AND THE ONES WHO WOULD BE GIVING THE JANUARY 13 BRIEFING WOULD BE FULL-TIME NARCOTICS OFFICIALS. PLEASE ADVISE IF THIS SATISFACTORY.

4. WE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT 0945-1200 BRIEFING WOULD OVERLAP WITH REQUESTED MISSION NARCOTICS BRIEFING FROM 0915-1000 SAME MORNING. THIS SUGGESTS THAT THREE SEPARATE OVERLAPPING FUNCTIONS ARE DESIRED: THE 0945-1200 GOS BRIEFING, THE 0915-1000 EMBASSY NARCOTICS BRIEFING AND THE REGULAR CODEL SCHEDULE FROM 0900. IS THIS CORRECT? IF SO, COULD YOU LET US KNOW SOONEST FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PLANNING PURPOSES WHICH CODEL MEMBERS AND STAFFERS WILL BE ATTENDING WHICH BRIEFING? ALL WE NEED AT THIS STATE ARE NUMBERS AND DESIGNATIONS, NOT NAMES.

5. WITH REFERENCE TO MEETING WITH PARLIAMENTARIANS (SINGAPORE 5588 AND PREVIOUS), PROTOCOL REQUESTS THAT CONGRESSMAN WOLFF CALL ON SPEAKER OF PARLIAMENT AT 1515, TO PRECEDE 1530 BEGINNING OF MP-CONGRESSMAN TALKS. THIS WILL REQUIRE WOLFF DEPART MANDARIN HOTEL AT 1500 SHARP. PLEASE ADVISE IF THIS MEETS WITH CONGRESSMAN WOLFF'S APPROVAL.
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